# Wyckoff Eagle Harbor Superfund Site – OUs 2 and 4 SSC Ecology – EPA Quarterly Coordination Meeting 4/8/15 FINAL Meeting Summary

#### **MEETING ATTENDEES**

Beth Sheldrake, EPA	Barry Rogowski, Ecology
Helen Bottcher, EPA	Sandra Caldwell, Ecology
Deb Sherbina, EPA	Dawn Hooper, Ecology
	Kate Snider, Floyd Snider

This meeting summary was prepared by Kate Snider and reviewed by all attendees. It is not a full record of the discussion, but a record of key discussion points and action items.

#### ANTICIPATED MEETING AGENDA

This meeting was the fifteenth quarterly coordination meeting held since the execution of the 2012 Superfund State Contract between USEPA and the state of Washington relating to remedial action and operations and maintenance at the Soil and Groundwater Operable Units (OUs 2 and 4) of the Wyckoff Eagle Harbor Superfund Site, Bainbridge Island, WA.

Appendix B of the Superfund State Contract is the "EPA/Ecology Site-Specific Statement of Work for Groundwater Treatment Plant Operations and Maintenance and Focused Feasibility Study Related to Permanent Mass Removal" (SOW). In accordance with the SOW, each quarterly meeting will address two goals:

- 1) Review progress on both Ecology and EPA Tasks defined in the SOW.
- 2) Discuss major schedule adjustment. The SOW states "If delays of more than one month are anticipated for any element [of the Focused Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan], project managers will elevate the matter to their immediate supervisors for discussion.

# The meeting agenda included:

- 1. Progress review Ecology O&M tasks
- 2. Progress review EPA FFS tasks, status, schedule review
  - Updated schedule
  - Status with CH2M Hill
  - NRRB comments, Ecology follow-up re: preferred alternatives
  - Phasing and Sequencing Memo and Workshop
- 3. SSC extension, O&M expectations and timeline
  - Anticipated timeline to remedy construction
  - O&M and timeline alternatives
  - Scope of SSC Extension for OUs 2 and 4
- 4. SSC Amendment for OU 1

- 5. Community Interest Group and public meetings
  - CIG update memo, confirmation of process forward

## PROGRESS REVIEW - ECOLOGY O&M TASKS

- O&M is ongoing, with some need for repairs:
  - Ecology will repair the DAF, Chung is coordinating.
  - o EPA will pay to repair the Master Control Circuit.

#### PROGRESS REVIEW - EPA FFS

- Good recent meeting with EPA, Ecology and CH2M Hill on the upland preferred alternative.
  - o Results from upper aquifer sampling, need to determine implications.
  - o Good discussion of triggers for Phase 2. Helen will prepare and distribute notes.
- EPA also had recent meeting with Trustee Council, including NOAA, USFW, Ecology, Suquamish
  - To consider new wall further offshore, mitigation would be required, but not a "nogo"
- EPA plans to get comments on both FFS documents to CH2M Hill on 4/20. Comments will describe adjustments to be made to preferred alternatives.
- After comments are submitted to CH2M Hill, Ecology will prepare letter to EPA documenting conceptual support for preferred alternatives, to update the record that last has Ecology letter to NRRB re: Alt 4 preference.
- CH2M Hill will prepare revised versions of the FFS documents, targeting receipt by mid-June.
- The proposed Phasing and Sequencing document should be prepared by CH2M Hill concurrently.
- In prep for this meeting, Helen provided an updated schedule. Primary milestones include:
  - o EPA, Tribe & State review of Proposed Plan: 5/19/15 − 6/16/15
  - Release Proposed Plan to Public: 9/29/15
  - Public Comment Period: 9/30/15 11/13/15
  - Briefing for State on Draft ROD: 1/19/16
  - o State Concurrence Process on ROD: 4/26/16 5/16/16
  - o Public Release of ROD w/ Press Release: 6/28/16
- EPA clarified that in the period between January and April 2016 Ecology and EPA would have discussion and opportunities for input on the Draft ROD.
- Meeting the schedule above will rely on productive meetings, and effective resolution of remaining issues regarding ARARs, CULs and RAOs.

• EPA and Ecology also both have to make attorney/AG assignments.

## SSC EXTENSION, O&M EXPECTATIONS AND TIMELINE

- Ecology is very concerned about potential 10-year timeframe to get to remedy construction, and the expectation that Ecology would fund system O&M during that period. Ecology would like phasing and sequencing of design and construction to be carefully evaluated to determine whether it is possible to get to construction earlier.
- In letters leading up to the 2012 SSC, Ecology's expectation was that their total system O&M commitment would not be longer than 5 years in duration. Ecology would like to be in a position where EPA would take back system O&M by 2020, as part of design.
  - Helen stated that start of construction does not necessarily mean that responsibility for O&M transitions back to EPA. That occurs when the purpose of the treatment plant changes during remedial action, not necessarily the start of remedial action construction.
- Ecology confirmed that their current budget request includes funding to run the plant for the next biennium. It is a high priority in the Ecology budget. The legislative process is still underway.
- Helen provided a draft SSC extension for OUs 2 and 4 for review.
- Ecology is willing to enter into an SSC extension for a 1 year period, not 2 years.
   During the 1 year extension, Ecology's expectation is that Ecology and EPA would work together on phasing and sequencing to develop a reasonable plan for phasing of design and construction.
- It was decided that EPA would prepare a 1-year SSC extension for OUs 2 and 4, to include the following language:
  - "EPA and Ecology will work on development of a Conceptual Phasing and Sequencing Plan for design and construction of beach and upland remedies, to address technical, logistical, cash flow and contracting constraints. This conceptual plan will be developed to the best of EPA and Ecology ability to support future project planning and coordination."
- There are no other substantive comments on the proposed SSC draft. *Helen will finalize for signature.*

#### **SSC AMENDMENT FOR OU 1**

- Helen provided a draft SSC Amendment for OU 1
- Helen will provide the estimated cost of OMMP. Chung and Helen will work together to reduce costs as able.
- Barry will discuss the proposed SSC language with Chung and Jim, and get back to Helen by early May.
- The goal is to have both SSCs final by June 1.

#### COMMUNITY INTEREST GROUP AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

 Dawn will prepare an update memo to the Community Interest Group, which will include a link to the NRRB report.

- Dawn will overview project status and schedule in the memo, and will propose that a
  next CIG meeting would be scheduled for August/September prior to release of the
  Proposed Plan for public review. That meeting will include a "dry run for Proposed Plan
  public meetings, and receipt of CIG input.
- Memo to CIG will include:
  - NRRB comments are public, and have been posted on the website.
  - EPA is working to finalize FFS Final Draft documents based on NRRB input.
  - Proposed Plan for combined upland and offshore remedies will be issued for public review approximately September.
  - Next CIG meeting proposed for August/September, in advance of public release.
- Dawn will draft the memo and send around for group review.

## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The following Quarterly meetings are scheduled for 2015:

6/1 – Quarterly with Jim and Rick

9/16 – Quarterly w/out Jim and Rick